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***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicants: Stephen RICHMOND et al.  
Title: ANIMAL CELL COLONY PICKING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance to 37 C.F.R. § 1.133, submitted herewith is a record of the substance of the interview on March 28, 2007, with Examiners Nathan Andrew Bowers and William Beisner, regarding the above-captioned application.

This statement is being submitted within one (1) month of the mailing date of April 02, 2007, of the Interview Summary and is therefore a timely response.

Claims 1 and 10 were discussed and an agreement with respect to these claims and respective dependent claims was reached. It was agreed that the current pending claims are allowable pending any additional search and a minor amendment that will change the phrase "offset from the base of the sample container" in claims 1 and 10 with the phrase "offset from the animal cell colonies", such that it is clear that the hollow pin never comes in contact with the animal cell colonies. Dependent claims 23-32 will also be amended to specify that the offset distance range is between the base of the container and the distal end of the pin. If, as expected, the additional search reveals no applicable prior art, Applicants will submit a supplemental amendment to amend the claims as described above, and the application will be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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